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April 18, 2018

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**STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL & US MAIL**

Re: Docket No. 20180081 – EQ- Petition for approval of new standard offer for purchase of firm capacity and energy from renewable energy facilities or small qualifying facilities and approval of tariff schedule REF-1, by Gulf Power Company.

Dear Ms. Alexander:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Gulf Power Company (Gulf) provide responses to the following data requests.

1. Does Gulf utilize forecasted fuel prices as part of its energy payment assumptions associated with its Standard Offer Contract filed in this docket?
2. If the response to Question 1 is affirmative:
 - a. Please provide a copy of the fuel price forecast used in developing the energy payment assumptions associated with its Standard Offer Contract filed in this docket.
 - b. Please identify the source and date of the fuel price forecast used in developing the energy payment assumptions associated with its Standard Offer Contract filed in this docket.
 - c. Please discuss Gulf's fuel forecasting methodology. Please also remark on the approximate length of time Gulf has employed this same or very similar fuel forecasting methodology for business planning purposes.
 - d. Please discuss if and how Gulf tests the reasonableness of its forecasted fuel prices (fuel forecasts).
 - e. Please provide any alternative fuel price forecasts Gulf used to gauge the robustness of its Standard Offer Contract filed in this docket.

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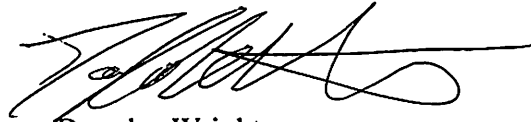
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Please submit your responses by May 3, 2018, to the address below:

Office of Commission Clerk
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bill McNulty by phone at (850) 413-6848 or by email at bmcnulty@psc.state.fl.us or me by phone at (850) 413-6682 or by email at dwright@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Wright', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20180081-EQ)